



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 8 Percent from Last Year

February 2014 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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Shell eggs broken totaled 172 million dozen during February 2015, up 8 percent from February a year ago, and 13 percent below the 199 million broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2015 through February, shell eggs broken totaled 371 million dozen, up 11 percent from the comparable period in 2014. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2015 was 481 million pounds, up 10 percent from 2014.

Data presented in this report were compiled from Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection reports.

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken – United States: February 2015 with Comparisons

Inspected item	February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Percent of	
				February 2014	January 2015
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	159,763	199,018	172,368	108	87
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	117,509	150,326	132,060	112	88
White	59,956	72,381	60,283	101	83
Yolk	30,376	35,319	30,453	100	86
Total	207,841	258,026	222,796	107	86
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	16,745	21,004	18,215	109	87

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-February 2014 and 2015

Inspected item	Cumulative		2015 as percent of 2014
	January-February 2014	January-February 2015	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	335,724	371,386	111
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	247,825	282,386	114
White	126,167	132,664	105
Yolk	63,197	65,772	104
Total	437,189	480,822	110
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	35,106	39,219	112

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Data for the *Egg Products* report are obtained from Egg Products Volume Reports (FSIS Form 5200-11) completed by inspectors of FSIS, USDA. FSIS is responsible for administering a mandatory inspection program for egg products under the authority of the Egg Products Inspection Act of 1970. The act and its associated regulations require that all commercial egg breaking and processing plants operate under continuous USDA supervision. Reports are currently received from approximately 60 plants in the United States. Plant management provides monthly volume data to the resident USDA inspector at the applicable plant.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release.

Procedures and Reliability: FSIS reviews plant data for accuracy and completeness and provides NASS a data file. NASS reviews the data for unusual values. The egg products estimates are based on a census of all commercial egg breaking and processing plants; therefore, there are no statistical estimation and sampling errors.

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